

## **NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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## PARMA MAKES FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH RENT, MORTGAGE AND UTILITY PAYMENTS

**(PARMA)** – The Parma Community Development Department reports that applications are slow and money is still available in its Project HELP budget.

"The goal here is to keep the lights on and help ensure house payments are made on time as our economy hopefully turns around," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "This program reaches out to help those families and individuals who were already living from paycheck to paycheck and then found themselves jobless in these tough economic times."

Project HELP is designed to help those who lost their jobs, resulting in a significant loss of income through no fault of their own (lay-off, hour cuts, medical crisis) within the last 6 months. HELP provides assistance to those residents who have thus fallen behind in rent, utility or mortgage payments.

Families can qualify for up to \$4,000 in assistance and singles up to \$2,000. Income limits do apply.

"If you feel you may qualify, we will review all cases and do the best we can to assist," said Mayor DePiero.

You can call (216) 661-7372 for more information on Project HELP.

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